

Summary of public comments of the Retail Energy Supply Association

2019 Energy Master Plan – Reducing Energy Consumption Stakeholder Meeting

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- Reminder – retail suppliers can help the state reach its energy efficiency goals. Retail suppliers had limited recognition in prior iterations of the EMP – now is an opportunity for the State to include them in future planning.
- Suppliers are indifferent to energy efficiency measures – decoupling is not necessary to incentivize participation in energy efficiency.
- Retail suppliers can better offer products that help customers curtail their energy usage with AMI/smart meter technology. Deployment of AMI gives every single consumer in NJ the opportunity to actively participate in reducing energy consumption.
- Retail suppliers are equipped to provide innovative clean and energy efficient technology to New Jersey – Board should focus on opening up Clean Energy dollars so that suppliers can access them to benefit NJ ratepayers – let the market compete for the funds – expand programs, rebates, and grants – establish pilot programs.
- Utilities are not always the most efficient spreaders of products and services – that’s why EDECA was passed.
- Even if suppliers are providing the clean and efficient technologies, the utilities still benefit and can count it towards their statutory requirement to decrease consumption.